

Telekinesis

I was surprised when I accumulated the research studies at several universities and institutions on the Geller experiments. This was a scientific ghost story in its own right. At the University of London, several leading physicists were finding that Geller could run up a Geiger counter to a point 500 times background radiation by concentrating on it. He could dematerialize part of a vanadium crystal sealed inside a plastic capsule, simply by holding his hand over it. There were several other tests, all of them repeatable and startling. At the conclusion of them, conducted in two different colleges of the university—Birkbeck and King's—three scientists came out with unequivocal statements regarding the future impact of the phenomenon. Professor J. G. Taylor, chairman of the department of mathematics, stated:

I have tested Uri Geller in my laboratory at King's College with specially designed apparatus.

The Geller Effect--of metal bending--is clearly not brought about by fraud. It is so exceptional that it presents a crucial challenge to modern science and could even destroy the latter if no explanation becomes available.

These were strong words. But those of Dr. David Bohm and Dr. John Hasted,* of Birkbeck College were equally so:

We feel if similar tests are made later, enough instances of this kind will probably accumulate, so that there will be no room for reasonable doubt that some new process is involved here, which cannot be accounted for or explained in terms of the present known laws of physics. Indeed, we already feel that we have gone some distance toward this point.

Dr. John Hasted continued and verified his observations by more carefully controlled experiments see ICELAND PAPERS,

As usual, the Reader's Digest research department spent many weeks doing a line by line check on the Geller article. I was glad because it would serve as a double-check on the facts I had gathered for the piece. Geller was invited to come into the Digest New York office and let the researchers and editors observe his apparent capacity to violate the laws of physics.

There were a dozen or so of the magazine's staff at the meeting. Two of the editors were dyed-in-the-wool skeptics. Geller started his demonstration by lightly touching a key held out by a researcher. It began bending and continued to bend. As often happens, several other keys in the room began bending, although Geller was not near. One of the skeptical editors reached into his pocket, and pulled out his keys. His was one of those which had bent markedly.

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